Boosting Mushroom cultivation

†620. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which the Central level schemes have been started to boost the cultivation of mushroom;

(b) whether the central scheme which includes pasturised compost unit and local production unit and training to farmers, has been implemented in Uttaranchal also; 'and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Central Sector Scheme on Mushroom Cultivation was implemented in all States including Uttar Pradesh till October, 2000. The scheme has now been subsumed in the "Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture" — Supplementation/ Complementation of States efforts through work plans. Under the Scheme the States have greater flexibility in prioritizing their needs. The allocation for Uttaranchal under Macro Management scheme for the year 2000-2001 was Rs. 920.00 lakhs and for the current financial year the allocation is Rs. 1400.00 lakhs. The Government of Uttaranchal may pursue programmes relating to mushroom cultivation, pasteurised compost units and trainings to farmers under the scheme.

Production of Foodgrains

621. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of foodgrains produced in the country during this year so far;

(b) what is the increase/decrease in production, as compared to last year; and

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